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FROM HARTMAN FOR MONROE LEIGH (L)

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: US-CANADA MARITIME BOUNDAIRES

REF TOSEC 320045

1. SECRETARY MET BRIEFLY WITH JAMIESON AND DISCUSSED FISHERIES/
BOUNDARIES ISSUE. JAMIESON AT FIRST INSISTED THAT LAWYERS HAVE
BEEN DISCUSSING THE ISSUE BUT SECRETARY POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT
THIS WAS NOT CORRECT AND THAT, INDEED, BEASLEY SEEMS TO BE GOING
SLOW ON THESE ISSUES. JAMIESON SAID THAT
HIS MAJOR CONCERN WAS THAT RESTRAINT BE EXERCISED WHILE DISCUSSIONS
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WERE PROCEEDING. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE

IF PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN BOTH THE FISHERIES AND BOUNDARIES AREA. IN FACT, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW ONE WOULD KNOW WHERE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT UNLESS THE AREA OF DISPUTE WAS MORE CLEARLY DEFINED. THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT THERE COULD BE RESTRAINT EVEN BEYOND THAT AREA BUT THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS HOW TO DO THIS IF THE LAWYERS HAD NOT MET AND MADE SOME PROGRESS ON THE BOUNDARY LINE ISSUE.

2. THE RESULT OF THE CONVERSATION SEEMED TO BE THAT JAMIESON AGREED THAT THE LAWYERS SHOULD MEET URGENTLY IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HAD BEEN REACHED EARLIER.

3. I TRUST THIS DOES THE JOB FOR YOU AND SUGGEST THAT YOU MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR CANADIAN COLLEAGUE SOONEST. KISSINGER

UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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